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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CHEMICAL CONVERSION COATING  
AGENT AND SURFACE-TREATED METAL

Examiner: L. L. Zheng

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 CFR 1.97(F))**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is to supplement or replace the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 14, 2008. In particular, the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 14, 2008 included full copies of the cited references along with English language abstracts of each of the cited foreign language references. Along these lines, please see the Image file wrapper on PAIR. However, in the event these copies were not deemed legible, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (f), attached are additional copies of the foreign references along with their English language abstracts that were included along with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 14, 2008. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

As previously stated, the relevance of Citations BA-BC can be found in their attached English language abstracts. Citations BA-BC are cited references in an Office Action for a counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-403692 dated December 4, 2007. The other cited references were submitted in a previous Information Disclosure Statement.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 27617-00002-US1.

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